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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Gerhard Beitel et al.

Applic. No. : 09/734,467

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Title : Methods for Producing a Structured Metal Layer

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Responsive to the Office Action dated December 16, 2002, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the election requirement on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, Applicants elects species I (applying a precious metal and a donor material followed by heat treatment to form an alloy layer) for prosecution at this time.

Applicants will consider in due time whether or not to file a divisional for the non-elected species.

The following claims read on species I: claims: 1-7, 11-13, 15, 17, and 19-24.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits, and the allowance of the claims are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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